MEINHOLD JOINS STATE AGENCY AS NEW COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS OFFICE DIRECTOR/DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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DENVER – September 20, 2012 – The Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (Department) announced today that Lorez Meinhold will join the Department on September 24, 2012 as the Community Partnerships Office Director/Deputy Executive Director. The Community Partnerships Office Director/Deputy Executive Director will be part of the Executive Team and will focus on building and managing Community Partnerships and relationships that integrate Department strategy and activities with statewide and national health reform initiatives.

"Lorez will be a welcome addition to our Executive Team as we engage more community partners in our work to achieve better care, and better health at a lower cost for the Coloradans we serve," said Susan E. Birch, executive director. "She brings a wealth of experience in state government and health care advocacy to this new role."

Meinhold is currently the Policy Director for health, human services and education in the Governor's Office of Policy and Research. Meinhold has also served as Senior Health Policy Analyst/Director of Health Reform Implementation for Governor Ritter, Senior Program Officer with the Colorado Health Foundation and as the Executive Director of Colorado Consumer Health Initiative.

Meinhold received her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill in Economics and International Studies.

About the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing: The department administers the Medicaid and Child Health Plan *Plus* programs as well as a variety of other programs for low-income families, children, pregnant women, the elderly and people with disabilities. The mission of the department is to improve access to cost-effective, quality health care services for Coloradans. For more information about the department, please visit Colorado.gov/hcpf.